

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 111465.129)

In re Application of: Phan, et al.

Serial No.: 09/997,741

Filed: November 27, 2001

For: DUAL BEAD ASSAYS INCLUDING OPTICAL
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from Provisional Application Serial No. 60/257,806, filed January 4, 2001.

Prior to examination, please replace the Cross-Reference to related applications section with the following:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application claims priority from the following provisional applications: U.S. Serial No. 60/253,283, filed November 27, 2000; U.S. Serial No. 60/253,958, filed November 28, 2000; U.S. Serial No. 60/272,525, filed March 1, 2001; and U.S. Serial No. 60/257,806, filed January 4, 2001. These applications are hereby incorporated by reference into the subject application in their entireties. --

Remarks

Favorable examination is requested.


No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this matter. If a fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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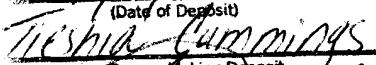

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Amendment to Specification

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